

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize noteworthy  
4 achievements of high school sports teams in the State of  
5 Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, The Thornwood High School Boys Varsity  
7 basketball team, the Thornbirds, finished an outstanding  
8 season with a record of 32 wins and 2 losses, winning titles  
9 in the State Farm Holiday Classic, the New Lenox Classic, the  
10 SICA East Tournament, the South Holland Sectional, and the  
11 Chicago Super Sectional, which led the Thornbirds to the  
12 State Finals in Peoria, Illinois; and

13 WHEREAS, During their appearance at the IHSA Class AA  
14 Boys Basketball Finals, the top-ranked Thornbirds made their  
15 presence known to the other teams; on their way to the  
16 Championship game, the Thornbirds first defeated Peoria  
17 Richwoods High School in the Quarterfinal game by the score  
18 of 65 to 36; they went on to defeat the Chicago Public School  
19 League Champions, the Morgan Park Mustangs by the score of 49  
20 to 46, thereby sending the Thornbirds to the Championship  
21 game; after one of the most dramatic games of the season, the  
22 Thornbirds fell to the Schaumburg Saxons by the score of 66  
23 to 54; and

24 WHEREAS, Although they claimed second place honors, the  
25 Thornbirds played like champions this season; the Thornbirds,  
26 led by All-State center, Eddy Curry, compiled a 28 game  
27 winning streak leading into the Championship game; they have  
28 displayed outstanding sportsmanship, courage, pride, and  
29 dedication not only to their coach, but also to Thornwood  
30 High School, their fans, and the South Holland community; and

31 WHEREAS, The 2001 Thornbird team consists of players  
32 Germie Allison, Sean High, DeWaun Wells, Jeremy Jones, Aubrey

1 Conerly, Joe Pacyga, Melvin Buckley, Pierce Thomas, Chris  
2 Jones, David Moss, Cornelius "Cory" Jones, Steve Sawyers,  
3 Justin Williams, Jeff Briney, and Eddy Curry; coach, Kevin  
4 Hayhurst; assistant coach, Ron Peterson; trainer, Thane  
5 Halstead, and equipment manager, Brian Conley; therefore, be  
6 it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
8 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
9 we congratulate the Thornwood High School boys varsity  
10 basketball team on their outstanding season; and be it  
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to the Principal of Thornwood High School, Gary  
14 Lester, the Athletic Director, Gary Lagresse, the Assistant  
15 Athletic Director, Kevin Connor, the coach of the Thornbirds,  
16 Kevin Hayhurst, the assistant coach, Ron Peterson, and to  
17 each member of the Thornbird team as an expression of our  
18 esteem.